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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of TALTON, et al.

Application No.: 09/856,415

Examiner: WARE, T.

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Group: 1615

For: METHODS FOR PREPARING COATED DRUG PARTICLES
AND PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS THEREOF

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above
application as follows and consider the following accompanying Remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 45-47.

Amend claims 28, 29, 31, 50, and 66-68 and 70 as follows.

28. (Amended) A medicament comprising a plurality of coated drug particles, each of
B1 said coated drug particles having an average particle size of less than 500 μ m in diameter, the